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THE TELEPHONE.

The circular issued by the telephone company to its patrons the other day announcing an increase of rentals amounting to 25% per cent. furnishes mighty interesting reading when accompanied by the letter which the company's attorney sent to the street railway company. The two appear together in this issue of THE HERALD, and the patrons of the telephone are asked to read them. In the circular the telephone people set forth that the adverse decision in the district court compels them to undertake a heavy expense to put their lines into good condition; that this expense makes necessary the raising of the rentals in order to pay interest on the additional capital invested. An excuse is sought for "cinching" the public and the court decision is thus turned to good account. It would seem, however, from the attorney's notice to the street car company that it is expected the latter will also pay for putting the telephone lines into serviceable condition.

Thus the telephone company proposes, first, that the people shall pay the \$5.00 or \$10.00 that it may cost to make the lines useful; second, that the street car company shall also pay the \$5.00 or \$10.00, and, third, that the public shall go on paying the \$5.00 or \$10.00 every year.

It is a very cunning scheme that has been devised, and is like all the schemes of the monopolistic concern which has taxed the American people more heavily in proportion to the capital invested, than any other institution or company ever formed.

THE HERALD is not surprised that so many individuals and firms are refusing to submit to the extortion, and are ordering the telephones taken out of their places of business. More will be apt to protest in this effective manner when they see that the company intends to make money three times out of a court decision which was claimed to be financially injurious to the telephone interest.

THE BARBED WIRE trust is able to add 60 cents to the cost of every hundred pounds by reason of the protective duty, and yet the farmers who use barbed wire vote the Republican ticket.

NEARLY ONE hundred million dollars British gold was invested in Mexico last year, the money being put into land, railroads, mines, banks and manufactures. At the rate things are going the English may not govern Mexico and the United States, but they will soon own a great part of both countries.

THE FRANCHISES.

The rivalry between the street railway company and the company recently organized for the purpose of constructing street car lines in the city has reached a stage when the courts should be called in, and it seems to us that the difficulty or dispute that has arisen is not one to be decided by the mayor or policemen. If the street railway company has no right to lay track and run cars on First East or any other street, it will be a very easy matter to establish the fact in a court of competent jurisdiction, and an order from the court will put a stop to track-laying instantly. It is a matter of a few minutes only to obtain an effective injunction, the petitioners being able to make a showing that will warrant the issuance of the writ. The track having been laid without authority, an order for its removal can also be readily obtained; whereas police interference adjusts and determines no question involved. It is to be regretted that Wednesday's affair was not taken into court at once. It must go there, it would seem, and the sooner the dispute is settled the better for all concerned, and especially for the public which wants a railroad on the street in question. The State road is one of the most frequented thoroughfares in the city, and has long demanded a line of cars running from South Temple to the city limits.

The matter of franchises has lately been much discussed, and one class of the people appear to think that favoritism has been shown in the past and that newcomers are not given a "fair show." THE HERALD is somewhat familiar with the subject, and knows how about all the franchises came to be granted. We do not believe that the intention has been to favor anybody. The policy has been to benefit the city and encourage the investment of capital in enterprises which would help the town. The difficulty has been to induce individuals to put their money into these undertakings. Thus, years after there was a demand for gas, nobody had the courage to erect gas works; and even after the franchise was granted the owners of it virtually failed to carry out the contract with the city; other parties were coaxed into taking up the enterprise, and there was much difficulty in obtaining the requisite money though everybody who wanted it could have had stock. Lately we have heard much about the giving away of such a valuable franchise as that held by the gas company, but until two or three years ago, gas shares were quoted at 25 per cent. discount from their par value, notwithstanding the great value of the franchise.

It required a good deal of courage to build a street railway, and mighty few of our capitalists could be induced to invest in the enterprise. A general franchise was granted, but comparatively little of it was used, for the reason that it wasn't regarded as worth the money which the lines would cost. Lately, however, old city councils have been severely denounced for having "thrown away" valuable franchises to the street railway company, whereas at the time they were granted and for years afterwards the general public would almost have sanctioned a subsidy

to the company if that would have induced the extension of the lines and the occupancy of more streets.

The earlier steam roads were coaxed and encouraged to enter the city, and so eager were we to get them in that, we believe, the local taxes were remitted for a time, or at least made nominal. Nobody thought the franchises were equal in value to the presence of the roads. Now, however, it is common to hear former city councils scolded for giving away rights worth so much, and which, it is asserted, could now be sold for lots of money.

The policy which governed the granting of franchises in early days was a wise one, and nobody familiar with the circumstances under which the grants were made can find the least occasion to complain. It is true, these franchises are valuable to the owners to-day, but when they were granted it was to the advantage of the city to confer the privileges, the public being best served by the grants. That they have become valuable through the operation of time argues nothing against the grantors, and it certainly does not suggest favoritism, the fact being that those who accepted the franchises, in almost every instance, were regarded more as public benefactors than as persons conspiring to get something for nothing, or to take advantage of the community.

Knowing the circumstances and conditions under which the franchises were granted, we think the holders should at least be treated fairly and with as much consideration as is shown to those who come now; nor do we think it would be right to depreciate the value of a franchise because the owner paid nothing for it. The bargains were honest ones when they were entered into, and the benefits were supposed to be mutual; arrangements made should be lived up to just as faithfully as if the franchises were worth no more now than when they were granted.

We do not mean by this that other railroads, other gas companies, other electric ways, other street railway companies, other light companies, other street railway companies should be barred from the city; let them in, not because they will make war on the old institutions, and deprive anybody of honestly acquired rights, but when and where they will benefit the city and the public without doing wrong to other companies. In other words, we believe in being just to the holders of old franchises while being fair to those who seek franchises now that they have become valuable.

It is real estate, and not climate, which Salt Lake is selling these days. Climate will be on the market later.

THE QUESTION of the day—Whose head will fall into the basket next?

EVERY HUNDRED pounds of nails costs \$1.35 more than the cost to produce them, because of the tariff.

IF THE federal building appropriation shall fall at this session it will be idle to attempt to get it through next winter. It is confessing only the truth to say that there is doubt regarding the passage of the bill this session, owing to the local scramble over the site.

LITTLE INCIDENTS like that recorded in a cablegram from Berlin tell better than words the esteem in which men are held. Prince Bismarck was returning from his farewell audience with the Emperor when an accident compelled the stopping of the carriage. A crowd quickly gathered about the ex-chancellor and manifested deep affection for the aged statesman, ladies tossing bouquets and kissing his hands to him. Bismarck shed tears and his voice faltered as he thanked the people. The prince was the real founder of the empire, and for many years has been its virtual ruler, though others have stood at the head; and he ruled so well that upon his retirement he is the best-loved man in the nation.

A LABOR strike in Russia is a serious matter, not for the employees but for the strikers. A correspondent of the London Times sends an account of a strike which occurred a few weeks ago, and how it was stopped. The owners of some mills, owing to the falling off in trade, discharged a number of hands, whereupon the workmen surrounded the managers and with threats of violence demanded that work should be provided for the usual number of men. The police were called in who removed fifty of the most clamorous men. The others were confounded by the disappearance of their leaders and went back to work quietly. They never knew what became of them, but as a matter of fact they were taken to the salt mines of Cracow, where they were scourged and ill-treated all they sought refuge in death. Thus the number of hands was reduced, and fifty men dangerous to the government were removed.

THE GOVERNMENT might make money by converting the industrial home into a hotel, and assigning the members of the Utah commission to manage it. The gentlemen would thus earn a portion of their salaries, and by taking turns would not be compelled to stay quite three months a year in the territory. The men who are so solicitous for the federal treasury might present this proposition to Congress, and see how it will strike the economists.

THE "ADDITION" which is first reached by a street railway will sell for most money.

HEREAFTER STREET railway tracks should be laid only on the grade, and the crossings should be the full width of the street.

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